

luncheon tendered by the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement.

Afternoon session began at 2:15, Dr. Moulton presiding. Drs. H. D. Barnard and E. H. Pitts having been favorably reported on by the censors were unanimously elected to membership.

Fourth paper on Auto-Intoxication was read by Dr. T. H. Stice of San Jose. Discussed by Drs. Gundrum, Watson and Loizeaux.

Fifth paper on Surgery of the Gall Bladder by Dr. A. M. Henderson of Sacramento. Discussed by Dr. James.

The society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were unanimously chosen:

President, J. W. James, Sacramento; first vice-president, R. N. Bramhall, Fair Oaks; second vice-president, T. H. Stice, San Jose; third vice-president, C. B. Jones, Sacramento; secretary, E. C. Turner, Sacramento. Censors—W. E. Briggs, A. M. Henderson, Sacramento; W. E. Bates, Davis; D. H. Moulton, Chico; W. S. Langdon, Stockton.

Moved by Dr. Parkinson, seconded by Dr. James, that the place of the June meeting next be left to the incoming president and secretary to decide upon.

Moved by Dr. C. B. Jones, seconded by Dr. Stice, to have the secretary send copy of minutes to Dr. P. M. Jones for publication or mention in the Journal. Carried.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the residence of Dr. R. T. McGurk, Friday evening, October 31. The following members were present: Drs. W. J. Young, Lynwood Dozier, R. R. Hammond, H. E. Sanderson, Minerva Goodman, J. T. Davison, F. P. Clark, Mary Taylor, Dewey R. Powell, R. B. Knight, L. R. Johnson, Hudson Smythe, Margaret Smyth, E. A. Arthur, Barton J. Powell, C. R. Harry, J. E. Nelson of Lodi, G. G. Hawkins of Ione and R. T. McGurk, with Dr. William Fitch Cheney of San Francisco as guest.

A communication was read by the secretary from Mrs. D. G. Hasses, secretary of the Woman's Council of Stockton, requesting a donation from the Medical Society as a prize at the Better Babies' Show. Upon motion, seconded and carried, the communication was ordered laid on the table.

At the conclusion of the routine business Dr. William Fitch Cheney was called upon to read his paper "Syphilis of the Liver Imitating Cirrhosis." Needless to say, the paper was well presented and was accompanied by case reports showing the scope of Dr. Cheney's observations and deductions. Several members of the society took part in the discussion, reporting cases in their practice, which showed the efficacy of anti-syphilitic treatment when other methods failed.

Upon completion of the discussion, the meeting was adjourned and the members were invited to the dining room to partake of the repast provided by Mrs. McGurk.

R. T. McGURK, Secretary.

TULARE COUNTY.

The November meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held in Visalia, November 16. The society had as its guest Dr. Philip King Brown of San Francisco. After a Spanish banquet the regular monthly session was held at which Dr. Brown gave a very instructive talk, his subject being, "The Present Status of Vaccine and Serum

Therapy, the Modern Treatment of Cerebral Syphilis and Complications, and the Diagnosis of Diseases of the Blood with Microscopic Slides."

A. W. PRESTON, Secretary.

BOOK REVIEWS

Diseases of Children. By Benjamin Knox Rachford. Published by D. Appleton & Co., London, Eng., and New York. Price \$6.

This volume is pre-eminently practical. The author emphasizes the therapy of disease, passing quickly over its etiological and pathological factors. Scarcely a condition of childhood is left untouched. Modern methods of diagnosis are ably discussed. Especially to be commended are the chapters on childhood in general, and on infant feeding. This book deserves to become a working manual for the general practitioner.

R. L. A.

Hygiene and Sanitation. A Text-Book for Nurses. By George M. Price, M. D., Director, Joint Board of Sanitary Control; Director of Investigation, New York State Factory Commission. 12mo., 236 pages. Cloth, \$1.50, net. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1913.

An excellent little treatise on a subject especially important to nurses interested in public health or school work. It is clearly and concisely written, and the different chapters with their various subdivisions are well arranged, rendering it a valuable book for reference.

Agnes Walker.

Practical Medicine Series, 1913. Vol. V. Pediatrics, edited by Isaac A. Abt, M. D. Orthopedic Surgery, edited by John Ridlon, M. D.

Serotherapy in hemorrhage is advocated, but not quite as enthusiastically as the late literature would warrant. The much mooted questions of the desirability or otherwise of feeding infants with Pasteurized and with boiled milks; with dried milk and with proprietary foods, is given brief notice. Little that is new can be announced in the field of acute infectious fevers. In fact, the year has thrown apparently little light on the old problems; but the tendency is to improve our statistics with a view to a better understanding of etiology and treatment of the disorders peculiar to infancy and childhood.

Dr. Ridlon's review of the year's work in the orthopedic field is characterized by great force and positiveness which give the charm of sincerity, but seem to denote a partiality that should not be so marked a feature of a work that should be a résumé and a review. Of great interest, however, are the discussions on tubercular joints, scoliosis, congenital hip dislocations and the methods for restoration of function after paralysis.

G. H. T.

Surgery of the Vascular System. B. M. Bernheim, M. D. Lippincott, Philadelphia, 1913. \$3.00.

The first thing that strikes one looking at this book is the fact that it has the usual Johns Hopkins type of illustrations, which makes it almost unnecessary to read. However, if you do read it you will find some very practical suggestions. One very pertinent paragraph you meet in the introduction—"Brilliant laboratory results achieved in this work have often lured the inexperienced to try their luck, only to find that chance here plays no part and that success is measured only by years of trial, first in the laboratory, then in the clinic." The improvement of the technique of lateral arteriovenous anastomosis is very apparent, and undoubtedly, if followed, will insure a greater percentage of successful operations.

S. T. P.